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## OFFICIALS LOST IN A MINE

Eight Men Trapped While Investigating a Recent Disaster.

ALL ARE GIVEN UP AS DEAD.

Lost Men All High in Mining Circles in West Virginia—Rescue Party Driven Back by Deadly Fumes—Flames Attack Shaft.

Bluefield, W. Va., Nov. 25.—Eight men, all high in mining circles, and including the state inspector, are believed to have perished in the Southwest Virginia Improvement Company's collieries, where they went to investigate the recent fatal explosion and fire in the Baby mine. The men entered the shaft at 11 a. m., and at a late hour none had returned. A rescue party attempted to reach them, but was driven back by black damp. Assistant Superintendent King, who led this party, was overcome and is in a critical condition.

**Efforts to Recover the Bodies.**  
A consultation is now being held in the company's offices at Pocahontas of the different mining experts from the Flat Top field, these experts having been rushed to Pocahontas by special train late in the afternoon. All efforts are being used to recover the bodies of the inspecting party, but no hopes are entertained that any of them will be found alive. It was supposed that the Baby mine proper had been cut off from the west mine for the purpose of operating the other shaft. The large fan in the west mine had been started at an early hour in the morning, and at 11 o'clock it was thought that all gases originating from the recent fire had been forced from the main portion and it was considered safe to enter.

**List of the Victims.**  
Those who are believed to have met death are: Superintendent Walter O'Malley of the Pocahontas Collieries company, State Mine Inspector William Priest, A. S. Hurst, chief coal inspector for the Castnor, Curran & Bullitt company of Philadelphia; Robert St. Clair, chief coal inspector; Morris St. Clair and William Olsham, substitute coal inspectors; Frazer G. Bell, mining engineer, and Joseph Vardwell, manager of the Shamokin Coal and Coke company of Maybury, W. Va. All are married.

### Plot to Destroy a Steamer.

Panama, Fla., Nov. 25.—An attempt was made to blow up and burn the British steamship Cayo, of 2,223 tons, which is here loading a cargo of cotton for Bremen. The plan was frustrated by a workman discovering a large quantity of heads of matches. This led to an investigation, and some twenty cannon crackers, twelve inches in length, were found jammed tightly between the bales of cotton. In each instance matches had been placed in the heads of the crackers with the heads protruding, and in such a manner that the least friction would strike the matches and ignite the explosives.

### Remorse Prompts a Suicide.

Mobile, Ala., Nov. 25.—Captain Morris of the British bark Birnam Wood committed suicide as his vessel was entering port, in a fit of remorse over the killing of a man. When the boat anchored at Mobile quarantine station Mate Poe, in charge, reported that on Nov. 18 Captain Morris killed the steward. The body was buried at sea. The captain remained in his cabin pacing up and down. When informed that Sand Island light was sighted at 4 a. m. he gave the mate the course, then picked up a sea lead, jumped overboard and was drowned.

### Mrs. Bonine's Self-Control.

Washington, Nov. 25.—A most dramatic scene marked the trial of Mrs. Ida Bonine when the revolver that killed Ayres was exhibited and identified by a witness who further described at length the room of the Kenmore Hotel as he had found it after the tragedy. Through all this painful ordeal, however, Mrs. Bonine maintained absolute self-control.

### Great Gas Strike in Indiana.

Tipton, Ind., Nov. 25.—A 50,000,000-foot gas well came in on the Hobbs farm, four miles south of this city. Gas was struck at 4 o'clock, the tools were thrown out, and the drillers had to run for their lives. The well is equal to, if not larger than, the Wallace well, struck near Pasteria, O., seven years ago.

### Fatally Hurt by Burglar.

Wichita, Kan., Nov. 25.—D. J. Tangney, proprietor of the Topeka Avenue Hotel in this city, was struck on the head about 5:30 o'clock by a heavy hammer in the hands of a burglar, whom he surprised in the act of robbing the hotel office. Mr. Tangney is not expected to recover. The burglar escaped.

### Veteran Lawyer Is Killed.

Springfield, Ill., Nov. 25.—Capt. Antoine Nostadt of Collinsville, 78 years old, one of the oldest attorneys in southern Illinois, and for years law partner of former Congressman F. W. L. Hadley of Collinsville, was run down and almost instantly killed by an electric car at Edgemoor.

### Tax on Estate \$282,801.

New York, Nov. 25.—According to general reports the heirs of Cornelius Vanderbilt must pay \$282,801.43 into the coffers of Uncle Sam.

## FATAL FIGHT OVER A GIRL.

Jealous Youth at Pana, Ill., Shoots a Rival in the Head.

Pana, Ill., Nov. 25.—John Hines invited Elmer Dannenbarger to accompany him on a buggy ride, and when they were alone shot his guest in the head, producing a fatal wound. The young men were rivals for the affections of the same girl, and Dannenbarger seemed to be gaining a lead in the race. Revival services had been in progress at Pleasant Valley church, near this city, and Dannenbarger and the girl have been attending. Hines drove up to the church, sent in a message to Dannenbarger to come out and then invited him to get in the buggy and talk it over. After proceeding a quarter of a mile the shot was fired. Dannenbarger is dying and Hines is under arrest.

### Big Tax on Car Lines.

Springfield, Ill., Nov. 25.—Assessments aggregating \$77,525,885, and involving over \$1,000,000 in 1900 taxes were made by the state board of equalization as the fair cash value of the capital stock of the north and west side traction companies of Chicago over and above the assessments on their tangible property. The Chicago Union Traction company, the Chicago Consolidated Traction company and all the street railway corporations allied with those two big concerns are the companies affected. The valuations were made within half an hour after Judges Grosscup and Humphrey in the United States Circuit Court dissolved the restraining order which enjoined the equalizers from imposing new assessments on the traction companies.

### French Colonists in Revolt.

Antwerp, Nov. 25.—The situation in the French Congo is alarming. It is reported that the natives of the entire colony are in revolt and that many agents of the French government have been surrounded in outlying stations and are now abandoned to their fate. Relief expeditions which were sent in some instances having been driven back or overpowered. Brazzaville, one of the principal towns in the colony, is expected to fall into the hands of the natives at any time. According to reports received here the colony's condition is considered hopeless.

### Kills Ticket Scalping Law.

Albany, N. Y., Nov. 25.—The state law prohibiting ticket scalping has been declared unconstitutional by the Court of Appeals. The law was passed by the last legislature and in the case decided today, that of Clarence Fleischman, a ticket broker of Buffalo, against the sheriff of Erie county, was given its first test case in the courts. In affirming the judgment of the court below, the Court of Appeals stands upon a decision rendered in the case of a like statute declared to be unconstitutional two years ago.

### Married Sixty-Three Years.

Rushville, Ill., Nov. 25.—Mr. and Mrs. Edward Berthoff celebrated their sixty-third wedding anniversary here. Mr. Berthoff not only holds the matrimonial record of Schuyler county, but the political one as well. The number of years he has held positions in county and township aggregate 115 years. He was school treasurer and justice of the peace for twenty-one years, and has been sheriff, county clerk and circuit clerk.

### Clem Studebaker May Live.

South Bend, Ind., Nov. 25.—Clem Studebaker has a fighting chance for his life, although he is still in a critical condition. Dr. C. A. Daugherty gave out the following statement: "Mr. Studebaker has passed a good day for one who is so ill, and he has a fighting chance for his life. During the day he has taken nourishment and is now in a rational condition. We recognize that he is still in great danger."

### Grover Cleveland Is Sick.

Trenton, N. J., Nov. 25.—Reports come from Princeton to the effect that former President Grover Cleveland is ill at his home at that place. Mr. Cleveland recently returned from a gunning trip, was taken ill with a chill and was threatened with pneumonia. Inquiry at his home elicited the information that he is very much improved. His condition is not understood to be dangerous.

### Gen. Lugo Going to Colon.

New York, Nov. 25.—A dispatch to the Herald from Colon says that Gen. Lugo is on his way to Colon from Chorrera to take charge of the campaign. Col. Barrera declares that the insurgents can resist any attack by the government troops.

### Bank President Dies.

Philadelphia, Nov. 25.—Charles W. Otto, president of the Germantown National Bank, died here. He recently returned from Maine, where he has gone for the benefit of his health. He was well known in financial circles in the East.

### Lord Curzon En Route to Mandalay.

New York, Nov. 25.—Lord Curzon, viceroy of India, crossed the frontier of Burma, says a dispatch from Rangoon to the London Times and New York Times. He will arrive at Mandalay next Tuesday.

### New Plot in Johannesburg.

Johannesburg, Nov. 25.—Another conspiracy has been nipped in the bud. Twenty arrests were made at mid night Tuesday in houses in various parts of Johannesburg. A great sensation followed.

### Senator Gamazo Is Dead.

Madrid, Nov. 25.—Senator Gamazo, the former minister of finance, is dead.

## "WHAR DEW I CUM IN?"

(Being the Soliloquy of a Farmer on the Free Raw Sugar Question.)

"Thar's a mighty lot er talkin' 'bout farmers 'n thar rights, 'n thar wonderful prosperity thet beet growin' invites. Thar's a heap er foolish crown 'n the 'beats' begin ter shout 'n holler fer the Tariff ter keep free raw sugar out! But I notice thet the beet-producin' farms are very few. An' the farmers through the country ain't got much of it ter dew. The hull land ain't a-taisin' beets, 'n ain't goin' ter begin. Beet growin' right fer sum, I guess—but, whar dew I cum in?"

The farmer gets four dollars now fer every ton o' beets—A hansom price, I must allow—but hidin' sum deceits. Beet sugar manufacterers admit es they hev found Thet "granulated" costs 'em sumthin' like ten cen', a pound. In fact the leaves a profit on which they'd greatly thrive—And—if it kin be sold fer three, why should we pay 'em FIVE? It seems ter me es thet's a game thet's mighty like a skin—But—if thar's any benefit—waal,—whar dew I cum in?"

When Uncle Sam's in want o' cash we're glad ter help him out, 'N we'll stand all the taxes thet are needed, never doubt, But when his pocket-book's well lined an' nary cent he lacks, Et seems ter me his duty's ter repeat thet sugar tax. Them fellers wot is interested sez its to protect The beet-producin' farmer thet the duty they collect, But I guess thet explanation es a little bit too thin—The sugar maker,—he's all right,—but,—whar dew we cum in?"

Take off raw sugar duty an' the price will quickly fall, To everybody's benefit, fer sugar's used by all. The poor wot bless the Government thet placed it in thar reach—('n millions of our citizens free sugar now beseech) The dealer 'll be delighted—less expenditure fer him—More demand 'n bigger profits—which at present are but slim. An' the farmer 'll be as well paid as he ever yet has been—But he'll buy his sugar cheaper—thet's whar he an' I'll cum in."

Now, whar's the sense er reason of the sugar tax to-day, When our treasury's a-hulgin' an' we hev no debts ter pay? The duty on raw sugar's Fifty million every year—An' the people's got ter pay it—thet's a fact thet's very clear. Fifty million! Great Jeshu! Ter protect beet magnates, too, Why should they tax ALL the people—just ter help a scattered FEW? And the FEW? Beet-sugar MAKERS! Don't it really seem a sin Thut ter help an' fill thar coffers? Whar dew you an' I cum in?"

The farmer growin' beets he's got a contract price fer years,—Free raw sugar wouldn't hurt him, an' o' it he hes no fears. But mebbe, like myself,—he's also growin' fruit so nice—Ter preserve it,—at a profit—he needs sugar,—at a price! The repealin' of the duty surely cuts the price in two—Thet'll make a mighty difference, neighbor, both ter me an' you! Let the sugar manufacter make such profits as he kin—Ter him it may seem right enuff—but whar dew I cum in?"

An' I ain't a-goin' ter swallow all the arguments they shout Thet the farmers need protection,—an' must bar raw sugar out. Common sense es plainly showin' thet the people in the land Want raw sugar free in future—an' its freedom will demand. 'Tis a tax no longer needed—hateful to the public view,—Taxin' millions of our people to enrich a favored few. They can't blind me any longer with the foolish yarns they spin,—While they're busy makin' money—whar dew you and I come in?"

I'm a-goin' ter keep on hustlin', talkin', pleadin' with my friends,—Ain't no sense in lettin' others gain thar selfish privet ends. I'm a-goin' ter write ter-morrer to our Congressman 'nd say Thet he oughter do his best ter kill thar tax without delay! Feller-farmers, do your utmost—whether you grow beets or not To repeal the tax on sugar,—you can but improve your lot! Cheaper sugar helps your pocket, greater blessings you can win—When we've three-cent granulated—that's whar you an' I come in!"

### Toothbrush in Education.

"The gospel of the toothbrush," as General Armstrong used to call it, is a part of our creed at Tuskegee. No student is permitted to remain who does not keep and use one. Several times in recent years students have come to us who brought with them almost no other article. They had heard from older students about our insisting upon its use. One morning I went with the lady principal on her usual tour of inspection of the girls' rooms. We found one room that contained three girls who had recently arrived at the school. When I asked them if they had toothbrushes, one of the girls replied, pointing to a brush. "Yes, sir. That is our brush. We bought it together yesterday." It did not take them long to learn a different lesson.—From Booker T. Washington's "Up from Slavery."

### Prayer Services for Police.

Cincinnati, O., dispatch: Prayer meetings for policemen at police headquarters are seriously advocated by police lieutenants.

### CANADA'S CAPITAL AROUSED.

Never Was There Such Excitement—Physicians' Association Trying to Explain.

Ottawa, Canada, Nov. 25th.—This city is stirred up as never before. Some seven years ago the local papers published an account of a man named George H. Kent of 408 Gilmour street, who was dying of Bright's Disease and who at the very last moment after several of our best physicians had declared he couldn't live twelve hours, was saved by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

People who know how low Mr. Kent was refused to believe that he was cured permanently and the other day in order to clinch the matter the papers published the whole case over again and backed up their story by sworn statements made by Mr. Kent, in which he declares most positively that in 1894 he was given up by the doctors and that Dodd's Kidney Pills and nothing else saved him, and further that since the day that Dodd's Kidney Pills sent him back to work seven years ago, he has not lost a single minute from his work. (He is a printer in the American Bank Note Printing Company.)

Mr. Kent is kept quite busy during his spare hours answering inquiries personally and by letter, but he is so grateful that he counts the time well spent. Indeed he and his wife have shown their gratitude to Dodd's Kidney Pills in a very striking way by having their little girl—born in 1896—christened by the name of "Doddie."

Altogether it is the most sensational case that has ever occurred in the history of medicine in Canada and the perfect substantiation of every detail leaves no room to doubt either the completeness or the permanency of the cure.

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